

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 11, with the following paragraph:

--For example, the decision-maker 14 may prefer the alternative 21 over the alternative 22 and may prefer the alternative 20 over the alternative 22 and may prefer the alternative 21 over the alternative 20. This may be expressed as the following (example sample set of pair-wise preferences):

$B > C$

$A > C$

$B > A$

where A is alternative 20, B is alternative 21, and C is the alternative 22. This may be viewed as B having greater utility than C, A having greater utility than C, and B having greater utility than A.--